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FOR: WATER-ABSORBING  
COMPOSITES, PREPARATION  
PROCESSES THEREOF AND  
WATER-ABSORBING ARTICLES :

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 13 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.